

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

November 16, 2011

Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dennis Montabon, Keith Belzer, Tara Johnson, Ramona Gonzalez, Jason Witt, Mike Johnson, Jim Nesbitt, Steve Helgeson, Bill Feehan, Ann Quinlisk, Sharon Hampson, Troy Harcey, Rita Zindorf, Michael McHugh, Dick Mial
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Vicki Burke, Tim Gruenke, Tom Locante, Robert Lawrence, Mike Desmond
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jane Klekamp, Doris Daggett, Anne Jungen, Becky Spangers, Bev Heebsh, Duane Teschler, Patrick Brummond, Vicki Gunderson, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. Judge Montabon introduced Dick Mial as the newest member of CJMC taking Geva Thole's place on the committee.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2011 MINUTES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION by Nesbitt/Gonzalez to approve the October 19, 2011 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Burke, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence, Desmond excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane Teschler, from AMOS, informed the council that Sunday, November 20th is the 4th anniversary of Harvest of Justice Advocacy and Coulee Region Dinner. It starts at 6:30 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church and he has tickets available for anyone interested.

STATUS REPORTS

DOC- They have a new agent starting – Jeff Connelly. They still have a couple of positions to fill, as there has been a lot of turnover.

Human Services – The County Board adopted the 2012 budget, which preserved many services to the community. A big part of being able to do this was the modifications made to the Juvenile Detention Facility and programming there.

Public Relations – They have done a couple more presentations since last month. They could use another member or two on this committee. They have been discussing the CJMC Retreat and feel that one of the main focus points will be the Transition from Jail to Community project that the County has been working on - looking broadly at this project and more specifically, employment relationships within the community.

Judges – There were some challenges this month due to the trial being held, but the Clerk's office did a nice job with jurors, and an out-of-county judge. There will be additional challenges with another upcoming trial in December.

CJMC RETREAT – A sign up sheet was sent around with 4 different days (from 9:00 a.m. – noon) on it. Council members were asked to write down what days they were available.

SMARTER SENTENCING – We had applied for a national technical assistance grant regarding Smarter Sentencing, which we did not get. The Office of Justice Assistance is

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bringing in some of the trainers for two 2-day trainings, one in Waukesha and one in Eau Claire, Feb. 27 & 28. On Feb 29, the trainer will be in La Crosse for the whole day if you or your staff is interested in attending. This will be in lieu of the February 15th CJMC meeting.

ASSEMBLY BILL 286 – This Bill was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting for discussion regarding whether or not this council wants to take a position or make an advisory statement regarding this bill. Assembly Bill 286 makes it legal to discriminate against felons. Employers could fire someone with a felony background or refuse to hire them even though it's not related to the job. **MOTION** by Feehan/Nesbitt that the CJPR Committee write a letter expressing that the CJMC is not in agreement with this bill via an opinion editorial piece to educate the public, and also send a letter to this effect to all legislators. The letter will go out via e-mail to committee members for their input prior to sending out. **Motion carried unanimously.** (Burke, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence and Desmond excused) **MOTION** by Belzer/Hampson that the County Board do something similar to the above motion. **MOTION** carried on a 14/1 vote; Nesbitt voted no. (Burke, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence and Desmond excused). Also Michael McHugh will bring this bill up to the Coulee Region Law Enforcement Professional group at their next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Jane distributed an article from Dane County that is dealing with similar issues that we have dealt with in the past.

OPHELIA'S HOUSE

Jane gave a powerpoint regarding Ophelia's house. She gave the history; women in the criminal justice system; guiding principles in developing gender specific programming; numbers of women stays in the house; census; average daily population; length of stay; risk/needs assessment; success rates; cost; considerations. Jane is working on a grant to hopefully bring more resource dollars to programs such as Ophelia's House.

Sharon Hampson reported from a HHS Board meeting on two women who stayed at Ophelia's House. They were very happy with the support and programs, etc. Both felt it had given them a chance at a better life.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- March - Troy Harcey - Developmental Assets Survey of Students

NEXT MEETING DATE: The December CJMC meeting is cancelled. There will be a ½ hr informational meeting the day of the retreat on January 26th, 2012.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Gonzalez/ Hampson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 a.m. **MOTION carried unanimously.** (Burke, Gruenke, Locante, Lawrence and Desmond excused)

The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next Council meeting.

Recorded by Terri Pavlic